

REMARKS

Claims 1-57 are now pending in this reissue application. Patent 5,948,061, the original patent on which this reissue application is based, contained claims 1-50. Claims 1, 7, 13, 16, 23, 29, 32, 42 and 45 were amended upon filing of this reissue application. Claims 1-3, 7-10, 13, 17-20, 24-26, 29, 32-36, 38-39 and 46-47 are amended (in some claims, for the second time) by this preliminary amendment. Claims 51-57 are added by this preliminary amendment.

The amendments to claims 1-3, 7-10, 13, 17-20, 24-26, 29, 32-36, 38-39 and 46-47 by this preliminary amendment serve to provide proper antecedent basis. New claims 51-57 are copies of original dependent claims 2, 8, 17, 24, 33, 38 and 46 in independent form.

CONCLUSION

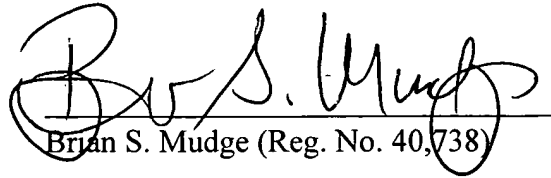
The Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing remarks demonstrate that the reissue application is in condition for allowance and prompt notification thereof is requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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